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Donahue Says...

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Message from J. David Donahue Commissioner of Department of Correction

The Department of Correction is aggressively seeking new ways to empower offenders with the necessary tools to become more productive members of society upon re-entry. Given this task, I am excited to announce three pilot dormitory openings of the Indiana Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program.

PLUS is a faith and character-based re-entry initiative. These programs will be implemented at Correctional Industrial Facility, Indiana Women's Prison and the Plainfield Juvenile Correctional Facility this summer. Purposeful Living Units Serve offers participants alternatives for rehabilitation. Whether participants choose to learn from character-based materials or faith-based materials, the living units will be geared towards teaching core fundamental values that will challenge and focus on positive reinforcement through learned behavior. The emphasis of this voluntary initiative focuses on strengthening spiritual, moral, and character development as well as life-skills. This will be the basis towards re-entry into the community.

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To learn more about our faith and character-based re-entry initiative, please <u>click here</u>.